

tions passed were the following. — A more general observance of Children's Day; holding teachers' meetings for prayer and the study of the lesson; and that congregations be urged to make provision for the running expenses of the schools, that the contributions of the children may be set free for missionary work. A Presbyterial Sabbath school was appointed to be held at Cambray on Tuesday, 25th June. The report on Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. M. N. Bothune, and adopted. Rev. M. McKinnon gave an extended report on Home Mission work, urging congregations to give special collections in view of the present deficit in the fund. Kirkfield and Fenelon Falls received permission to build the new churches in contemplation upon more convenient sites. Messrs. Bothune and D. Cameron were appointed representatives of the Presbytery on the Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. — P. A. MACLEOD, Clerk.

Presbytery of Sydney.

THE Presbytery of Sydney met at North Sydney, on the 9th inst. Rev. John Fraser reported that the congregation of South Gut and Englishtown cheerfully responded to the wish of the Presbytery by raising Mr. McDonald's salary \$50. Rev. M. A. McKenzie's labor on the statistical table was highly commended and a cordial vote of thanks given him for the skill and proficiency with which his work was performed. Mr. McOdum, catechist, was appointed to labor again in Leitch's Creek. Mr. McIntosh in Louisburg, Mr. A. J. McDill in Pleasant Bay and Mr. Melville Grant in Little Bras D'Or during summer months. Commissioners to General Assembly are: Revs. J. A. Forbes, J. F. Forbes, J. A. McGlashen and Wm. Grant. Elders: Dr. McGillivray, Dr. McLean, A. Matheson and Norman McDonald. Professor Gordon was nominated moderator of General Assembly to meet at London in June, and Rev. R. A. Falconer as a fit and proper person to fill the chair of New Testament Exegesis. The remittance, students and foreign ministers was postponed for consideration until next meeting of Presbytery. Remit in reference to amalgamation of committees on State of Religion, Sabbath Observance, Systematic Beneficence and Temperance, — as disposed of by unanimous motion to allow these committees to remain *in statu quo*. The remit in reference to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was approved. It was agreed to hold at next meeting of Presbytery, a conference on Sabbath Schools and Sabbath Observance. Mr. Rankin read a supplementary report on the State of Religion. He had still to complain of the lack of reports of sessions, only two sessions having complied with direction of Presbytery to attend to this duty since last meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Rankin was thanked for his faithful work, and sessions urged to render all aid in a work so worthy the attention of their office and sphere. Steps were initiated with a view of separating Pleasant Bay from Cape North congregation and erecting the former into a mission station. Next meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church, Sydney, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Presbytery of Melita.

THE Presbytery of Melita met in Oxbow, Assa., on the 6th March, 1895. A very full attendance, the moderator Rev. Jos. White, of Melita, occupying the chair. The meeting was held in our new church, which was completed and dedicated in the early part of this winter. Creditable to the young and comparatively weak congregation at that place, and also our worthy missionary in charge, Rev. T. R. Scott. The sederunt, in the afternoon, was taken up principally with the receiving of reports from different committees, the same to be considered later on. In the evening the reports on the State of Religion and Sabbath Observance were discussed. A goodly number of the congregation at Oxbow being present. A few of them took part in the discussion. A pleasant, and doubtless a profitable evening was thus spent. A very full report on the above subjects had been sent in from all the congregations, and in

many respects very encouraging. During a following sederunt the Sabbath School report brought out a vigorous discussion, all taking part in it. Fifteen schools reported. The Presbytery being small, and this the first report, it was considered very favourable, some of these, however, are union schools. It is found that good work is being done in this department of the Church. In dealing with the Home Mission report, it was found to be difficult to maintain ordinances at some points because of the present depression in financial matters, and in all the congregations and mission stations this condition is felt more or less at the present time. Mission fields are continued as before, except Carlyle, which was divided into two parts. Dr. Robertson, Supt. of Missions in Man. and the North West, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. Mr. Robt. Douglass, Deloraine, convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Finance, submitted a very full and concise report, showing the value of the Church's property in the Presbytery, and how it is protected. Together with the valuable information gathered together, useful suggestions were given for congregations re the securing of property and its proper protection. After a session of four well filled sederunts and one forenoon spent in Committee work, the Presbytery adjourned to meet next time in Deloraine. — SAMUEL POLSON, Clerk.

Guelph W. F. M. S.

The eleventh annual meeting of this society was held in Knox church, Acton. The beautiful new church is admirably adapted for such meetings, and the thoughtful arrangements and delightful hospitality of the ladies of Acton were much appreciated by the visitors.

Mrs. Graham, of Galt, conducted a short devotional meeting in the morning, and at 11 a.m. the society met for business, Mrs. McCrae, of Guelph, presiding. The number of delegates was over 100, only three auxiliaries not being represented.

Much regret was felt and expressed at the absence of Mrs. Mullan, of Fergus, president of the society, on account of ill health, and of Miss Kerr, of Galt, the secretary, by serious accident. Her duties were shared by Miss Cant, of Galt, and Miss McCrae, of Guelph.

The president was assisted in the devotional exercises of the day by Mrs. Rae, Acton; Mrs. Nelson, Fergus; Mrs. Graham, Galt, and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mrs. Watt, and Miss Jarvis McLean, of Guelph.

The report of the Presbyterial secretary speaks of interest being general, even though some auxiliaries report decreased membership by removal and death. One auxiliary and four mission bands have disbanded, reasons chiefly "homes so scattered that it is difficult to keep up meetings" or "removal of officers on whom they depend." Others report both membership and giving larger. Taken as a whole there is a little advance on last year. Joy in the work and pleasure in the meetings and willingness to assist is noted. Missionary visits have special mention, and thank offering meetings.

The treasurer's report shows a total contribution as follows:—

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| From auxiliaries..... | \$1,935 35 |
| Mission bands | 255 05 |
| Collections at Acton..... | 15 51 |
| | \$2,236 24 |
| Less expenses of society | 17 97 |
| Total..... | \$2,218 27 |

An advance of \$43 on last year.

The secretary of supplies reports 12,000 lbs of goods and clothing sent to Rev. A. W. Lewis, Mistawassia Reserve, valued at \$470 and prepaid freight charges of \$39. Galt will be the shipping place for next year as before. Mr. Wm. Murray's kind assistance was thankfully mentioned.

The Leaflet secretary reported that 951 copies of the Leaflet had been taken and paid for. Only three auxiliaries reported as not taking this useful and cheap missionary paper. \$114.12 had been sent to Mrs. Teller.

Owing to the shortness of time only the reports of mission bands were heard in detail, and read by the youthful secretaries with great clearness.

The officers elected were:—President, Mrs. K. MacLean, Guelph; vice-presidents, Mrs. D. McCrae, Guelph, Mrs. Rae, Acton, Mrs. Horne, Elora, Mrs. Watt, Guelph; secretary, Miss Kerr, Galt; Leaflet secretary, Miss McCrae, Guelph; treasurer, Miss Helen Cant, Galt.

The speaker of the day was Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, foreign secretary of the W. F. M. S.

The evening meeting was addressed by Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, and was largely attended. Mr. Rae was in the chair and Rev. Mr. Briers and others took part. Mr. Campbell spoke most forcibly and earnestly for an hour and a half on his chosen field.

Synod of Hamilton and London

THE meeting of the Synod of Hamilton and London, held last week, was eventful and interesting. It convened in Knox church, Woodstock. Rev. Dr. Battisby, the retiring moderator's sermon was an exceedingly able effort, and was quite impressive. The subject of the discourse was "The True Method of Church Extension," and ably and excellently was it treated.

Following the sermon came the election of Moderator, resulting in the unanimous choice of Rev. J. L. Murray, M. A., Kincardine. When routine business was reached on the morning of the second day, reports were presented showing that the commission to Wingham had been successful, and that the affairs of the Buckstone mission would be wound up.

The report of the Brantford Ladies' College was presented. The college is in a flourishing state and doing good work among the young people in the church. Many graduates have won high honors in other fields of learning. Besides the regular studies, painting, music, elocution, drawing, type-writing and stenography also received attention. An appeal was made to the church members to send their daughters to this college as there was no more desirable place to put them than under the care of the efficient matron.

Dr. Fletcher of Hamilton reported verbally upon the college. He had visited it a short time ago, and was agreeably surprised to find such a high state of efficiency. He reported upon every department, after which he moved that the report be adopted, which was carried.

Drs. McMullen and Fletcher were appointed a committee to draft a suitable motion regarding the death of the late Dr. King.

The famous Munro case was re-opened, debated and dismissed. An appeal was intimated.

Able addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Fraser Campbell and Rev. Dr. Robertson with respect to the mission in India and the North West.

An augmentation committee, to consist of one member from each Presbytery, was appointed.

The requirement of one year's work in the mission field from all graduates from the colleges of the church, and ministers from other churches, was endorsed, and a remit will go to General Assembly.

The evening open meeting was devoted to the consideration of the reports by Dr. McIntyre of Beamsville, on the State of Religion; and by Rev. W. M. McKibbin of Millbank, on Sabbath Schools. Both statements were extremely interesting.

A discussion arose on the Manitoba school question, from the following resolution proposed by Rev. Dr. Hamilton:— "This Synod views with deep concern the present opposition between the legislation of the Dominion Government and the legislature of Manitoba, regarding the Educational Act of 1890, and hereby expresses its sympathy with the position taken by the representatives in the Manitoba legislature against any interference by the central government with the educational matters of the province."